Central Aid to Mumbai Municipal Corporation

*337. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a decision to extend massive financial aid to the Mumbai Municipal Corporation to improve their sewage and roads to ensure that the metropolis is not in undated during monsoons in future;

(b) if so, the extent of Central aid proposed, the share of Maharashtra Government and the Corporation, if any, for the project; and

(c) by when the project is likely to begin and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in December, 2005 to improve infrastructure (including sewerage and roads) and ensure provision of basic services for poor in 63 selected cities of the country including Mumbai. Duration of the Mission is seven years *i.e.* upto 2011-12. The Government has made a provision of Rs. 50,000 crores for JNNURM including two other omnibus schemes, namely, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) over the Mission period. JNNURM is a demand driven scheme wherein the states are required to submit proposals for seeking Central assistance under the Mission in accordance with its guidelines. As per the guidelines of the Mission, the funding pattern of the projects under JNNURM, in case of Mumbai, is as follows:—

Central share	:	35%
State share	:	15%
ULB/parastatal share	:	50%

The proposals are approved by the Government after appraising their techno economy viability. So far, following sewerage and road projects

have been sanctioned by the Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee for the Mumbai city under JNNURM:—

Sl. No.	Sector	Project name	Approved cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Central share admissible (Rs. in lakhs)	Duration of the project
1.	Sewerage	Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage II Priority works	36447.00	12756.45	Scheduled to Commence from 2006-07 and to complete by 31.3.2010
2.	Road/ flyovers/ RoB	Eastern Freeway from Prince of Wales Museum to APLRMUIP	33638.80	11773.58	Scheduled to Commence from February, 2007 and to complete by January, 2010.
3.	Road/ Flyovers/ RoB	Elevated road on Sahar Road-MUIP	15513.34	5429.67	Scheduled to commence from January, 2007 and to completed by December, 2008.

Besides above projects, the following proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra to address the drainage problem in Mumbai are under consideration of the Government:

(1) Mithi River Development Works Phase-II.
(2) Brihan Mumbai Storm Water Drainage System.

Complaints regarding RTI Act

*338. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism provided for by Government to collect complaints where the right to information cannot be exercised by the people;